

HB3742



99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB3742

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

110 ILCS 947/20

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Provides that the Illinois Student Assistance Commission is authorized to deny and shall immediately revoke a scholarship or grant to any person who has been convicted of a violent crime, as defined under the Rights of Crime Victims and Witnesses Act. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Higher Education Student Assistance Act is
5 amended by changing Section 20 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 947/20)

7 Sec. 20. Functions of Commission.

8 (a) The Commission, in accordance with this Act, shall
9 prepare and supervise the issuance of public information
10 concerning its provisions; prescribe the form and regulate the
11 submission of applications for assistance; provide for and
12 conduct, or cause to be conducted, all eligibility
13 determinations of applicants; award the appropriate financial
14 assistance; and, upon request by a member of the General
15 Assembly, nominate or evaluate and recommend for nomination
16 applicants for General Assembly scholarships in accordance
17 with criteria specified by the member under Section 30-9 of the
18 School Code.

19 (b) The Commission is authorized to participate in any
20 programs for monetary assistance to students and to receive,
21 hold, and disburse all such funds made available by any agency
22 or organization for the purpose or purposes for which they are
23 made available. The Commission is authorized to administer a

1 program of grant assistance as authorized by the Baccalaureate
2 Savings Act. The Commission is authorized to participate in any
3 programs established to improve student financial aid services
4 or the proficiency of persons engaged in student financial aid
5 services and to receive, hold, and disburse all funds made
6 available by any agency or organization for the purpose or
7 purposes for which they are made available subject to the
8 appropriations of the General Assembly.

9 (c) The Commission is authorized to deny a scholarship or a
10 grant to any person who has defaulted on a guaranteed student
11 loan and who is not maintaining a satisfactory repayment
12 record. If a person has a defaulted guaranteed student loan but
13 is otherwise eligible for assistance pursuant to Section 40,
14 the Commission shall award one term of assistance during which
15 a satisfactory repayment record must be established. If such a
16 repayment record is not established, additional assistance
17 shall be denied until a satisfactory repayment record is
18 established.

19 (c-5) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the
20 Commission is authorized to deny and shall immediately revoke a
21 scholarship or grant to any person who has been convicted of a
22 violent crime, as defined under Section 3 of the Rights of
23 Crime Victims and Witnesses Act.

24 (d) The Commission is authorized to participate with
25 federal, state, county, local, and university law enforcement
26 agencies in cooperative efforts to detect and prosecute

1 incidents of fraud in student assistance programs.

2 (e) The Administrative Review Law shall apply to and govern
3 all proceedings for the judicial review of final administrative
4 decisions of the Commission.

5 (f) The Commission is authorized to make all necessary and
6 proper rules, not inconsistent with this Act, for the efficient
7 exercise of the foregoing functions.

8 (g) Unless otherwise provided by statute, the functions of
9 the Commission shall be exercised without regard to any
10 applicant's race, creed, sex, color, national origin, or
11 ancestry.

12 (h) The Commission is authorized to establish systems and
13 programs to encourage employers to match employee
14 contributions to prepaid programs of college savings by making
15 donations to the Commission for prepaid programs of college
16 savings to make higher education affordable for all residents
17 of the State and to receive, hold, and disburse all such funds
18 made available through those programs for the purposes for
19 which they are authorized by rule or by law.

20 (Source: P.A. 96-198, eff. 8-10-09.)

21 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
22 becoming law.